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Title: **Method And Apparatus For  
Accelerating Hardware  
Simulation**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO *FINAL* REJECTION**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the *Final* Office Action dated November 28, 2003, in the above-referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.